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Operational/ZIPPER

GV G - Operation HENNE

Reference: SFRAN 0856; HQLA-6361

1. Pursuant to first reference, herewith statement for transmittal to COMNAV for coordination:

ZIPPER has recruited Identity 1 second reference, a West German businessman dealing in agricultural products with a Hungarian Trade Delegation which comes to FRANKFURT periodically. Identity 1 is a partner in the firm Commission und Handel G.m.b.H., a subsidiary of the Bickenbach Firm of FRANKFURT and MÜNCHEN. In recent months, Identity 1 has developed what he considers to be close personal friendship with Identity 2, which latter has served as Acting Chief of the Hungarian group in question on its last three visits to Western Germany. Identity 2 is described as a carefree type, susceptible to the enticements of western life, and supposedly is closely affiliated with the German barmaid of the "Ellis Elliot" Bar in FRANKFURT (name of bar may be incorrect). Identity 2 has accepted valuable gifts from Identity 1 each time he has returned to Hungary, and this, plus his apparent breach of what Identity 1 thinks to be communist discipline, leads Identity 1 to believe that Identity 2 can be defected. Because such efforts, if conducted by Identity 1, might have unpleasant repercussions for the firm he represents, ZIPPER plans to have Identity 1 introduce Identity 3 to Identity 2, after which Identity 3 (who is an independent businessman), will attempt to develop commercial relations with Identity 2, and ultimately make the big pitch.

2. For COM: Further aspects for KUBARK only:

a. The entire operation, it will be noted, is first based on the assumption that Identity 2 will again appear in West Germany, and secondly on the premise that Identity 3 will succeed in developing the friendship of Identity 2. Prospects, in short, are fairly dim, and we see no reason, at the moment, to leave Identity 2 as a purely ZIPPER target - if someone else has a lead to him, ZIPPER can never accuse us of foul play.

b. We have pointed out to ZIPPER that Identity 2 probably has a nod-

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ding acquaintance with the AVH, and that his acceptance of gifts is not per se evidence of his desire to defect. These reservations have been communicated to OV G, but ZIPPER Hq. admits that no real evidence of acceptance of our views was found in OV G, so a rather energetic approach to Identity 2 will doubtless occur when next he appears.

c. Please note that the operational plan is slightly different than was presented in para. 2-c, HOLA-6028, Identity 3, who has the number V-9134.3, is to recruit Identity 2. (It was originally reported that V-9109 would recruit Identity 2.)

Approved by:

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